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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/196,680 )  
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Filed: November 20, 1998 )  
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For: ORDINARY HAZARD EXTENDED )  
COVERAGE SIDEWALL SPRINKLERS )  
AND SYSTEMS )

Group Art Unit: 3752

Examiner: C. Kim

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

A copy of the U.S. patent listed on the PTO-1449 is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner considers the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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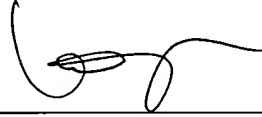

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**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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